
SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5700

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By Senate Committee on Transportation (originally sponsored by Senators Owen, Prince, Heavey, Wood, Kohl and Deccio)

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1 AN ACT Relating to motor vehicle license plates; and amending RCW
2 46.16.270.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 46.16.270 and 1990 c 250 s 32 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 ((Replacement)) Vehicle plates ((issued after)) must be replaced if
7 the license plates were issued before January 1, ((1987, will be
8 centennial plates as described in RCW 46.16.650)) 1988. The ((total))
9 replacement plate fee ((including the one dollar per plate centennial
10 plate fee)) shall be deposited in the motor vehicle fund. A person
11 applying for a renewal vehicle license after January 1, 1997, must
12 purchase replacement vehicle license number plates if the vehicle
13 license number plates were issued before January 1, 1988. The
14 requirement for replacement license plates does not apply to commercial
15 vehicles, as defined in RCW 46.32.005; special plates designated in RCW
16 46.16.305; nor personalized plates as defined in RCW 46.16.560.

17 Upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of one or both of the
18 vehicle license number plates issued for any vehicle where more than
19 one plate was originally issued or where one or both have become so

1 illegible or in such a condition as to be difficult to distinguish, or
2 upon the owner's option, the owner of the vehicle shall make
3 application for new vehicle license number plates upon a form furnished
4 by the director. The application shall be filed with the director or
5 the director's authorized agent, accompanied by the certificate of
6 license registration of the vehicle and a fee in the amount of three
7 dollars per plate, whereupon the director, or the director's authorized
8 agent, shall issue new vehicle license number plates to the applicant.
9 It shall be accompanied by a fee of two dollars for a new motorcycle
10 license number plate. In the event the director has issued license
11 period tabs or a windshield emblem instead of vehicle license number
12 plates, and upon the loss, defacement, or destruction of the tabs or
13 windshield emblem, application shall be made on a form provided by the
14 director and in the same manner as above described, and shall be
15 accompanied by a fee of one dollar for each pair of tabs or for each
16 windshield emblem, whereupon the director shall issue to the applicant
17 a duplicate pair of tabs, year tabs, and when necessary month tabs or
18 a windshield emblem to replace those lost, defaced, or destroyed. For
19 vehicles owned, rented, or leased by the state of Washington or by any
20 county, city, town, school district, or other political subdivision of
21 the state of Washington or United States government, or owned or leased
22 by the governing body of an Indian tribe as defined in RCW 46.16.020,
23 a fee shall be charged for replacement of a vehicle license number
24 plate only to the extent required by the provisions of RCW 46.16.020,
25 46.16.061, 46.16.237, and 46.01.140. For vehicles owned, rented, or
26 leased by foreign countries or international bodies to which the United
27 States government is a signatory by treaty, the payment of any fee for
28 the replacement of a vehicle license number plate shall not be
29 required.

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